

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first sentence on page 1 and insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/708,945, filed September 6, 1996, now \_\_\_\_\_, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/410,357, filed March 24, 1995, now abandoned.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-16 and 23-43 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 44-60 as follows:

1        44. (New) A computer system that resolves name collisions by providing  
2        type support for multiple type definitions, comprising:  
3        an interface repository including:  
4                a repository naming context; and,  
5                a prefix naming context subordinate to the repository naming  
6                        context, the prefix naming context serving as a root naming  
7                        context for at least one interface definition language  
8                        declaration, the prefix naming context being adapted to re-  
9                        solve names subordinate to the repository naming context.

1        45. (New) The system of claim 44 wherein the prefix naming context  
2        further includes:  
3                at least one naming context defined by an interface definition object and  
4                        subordinate to the prefix naming context.

1           46. (New) The computer system of claim 45 wherein at least one  
2 interface definition object has a fully scoped object name including a prefix name  
3 of the prefix naming context to which the interface definition object is  
4 subordinated.

1           47. (New) The computer system of claim 44 wherein the prefix naming  
2 context is immediately subordinate to the repository naming context.

1           48. (New) The computer system of claim 44 wherein the prefix naming  
2 context further includes:  
3 at least one leaf node defined by an interface definition object.

1           49. (New) The computer system of claim 44, wherein the prefix naming  
2 context is defined by a prefix object.

1           50. (New) The computer system of claim 44, further comprising:  
2 an interface repository loader that accepts as input parameters a specified  
3 interface definition language file containing at least one interface  
4 definition language declaration, and a specified prefix name, and  
5 installs the at least one interface definition language declaration in  
6 a prefix naming context having the prefix naming context in the  
7 interface repository.

1           51. (New) A computer system that resolves name collisions by providing  
2 type support for multiple type definitions, comprising:  
3 an interface repository including:  
4 a repository naming context; and

5 a prefix naming context subordinate to the repository naming  
6 context, the prefix naming context serving as a root naming  
7 context for at least one interface definition language  
8 declaration, the prefix naming context being adapted to re-  
9 solve names subordinate to the repository naming context;  
10 and

11 an interface repository loader that accepts as input parameters a specified  
12 interface definition language file containing at least one interface  
13 definition language declaration, and a specified prefix name, and  
14 installs the at least one interface definition language declaration in  
15 a prefix naming context having the prefix naming context in the  
16 interface repository, and wherein the interface repository loader  
17 creates a data file identified as related to the specified interface  
18 definition language file, and containing an identification of the  
19 specified prefix naming context.

1 52. (New) A computer system that resolves name collisions by providing  
2 type support for multiple type definitions, comprising:

3 an interface repository including:

4 a repository naming context; and

5 a prefix naming context subordinate to the repository naming  
6 context, the prefix naming context serving as a root naming  
7 context for at least one interface definition language  
8 declaration, the prefix naming context being adapted to re-  
9 solve names subordinate to the repository naming context;  
10 and

11 an interface repository loader that accepts as input parameters a specified  
12 interface definition language file containing at least one interface  
13 definition language declaration, and a specified prefix name, and  
14 installs the at least one interface definition language declaration in  
15 a prefix naming context having the prefix naming context in the  
16 interface repository, and wherein the interface repository loader  
17 creates the specified prefix naming context in the interface  
18 repository if the specified prefix naming context does not exist  
19 therein.

1 53. (New) The computer system of claim 52, further comprising:  
2 a memory device that stores the interface repository; and  
3 a processing unit that executes operations of the interface repository  
4 loader.

1 54. (New) A computer system that resolves name collisions by providing  
2 type support for multiple type definitions, comprising:  
3 an interface repository including:  
4 a repository naming context; and  
5 a prefix naming context subordinate to the repository naming  
6 context, the prefix naming context serving as a root naming  
7 context for at least one interface definition language  
8 declaration, the prefix naming context being adapted to re-  
9 solve names subordinate to the repository naming context;  
10 an interface repository loader that accepts as input parameters a specified  
11 interface definition language file containing at least one interface  
12 definition language declaration, and a specified prefix name, and

13 installs the at least one interface definition language declaration in  
14 a prefix naming context having the prefix naming context in the  
15 interface repository;  
16 a memory device that stores the interface repository; and  
17 a processing unit that executes operations of the interface repository  
18 loader, and further executes the interface repository loader to  
19 create a data file identified as related to the specified interface  
20 definition language file, and containing an identification of the  
21 specified prefix naming context.

1 55. (New). A method of resolving name collisions by providing type  
2 support for multiple type definitions, comprising the steps of:  
3 defining in an interface repository a prefix naming context, the prefix  
4 naming context being adapted to resolve names subordinate to the  
5 repository naming context; and  
6 storing the prefix naming context subordinate to the repository naming  
7 context in the interface repository, the prefix naming context  
8 forming an interface definition language root context for interface  
9 definition objects subordinate to the prefix naming context.

1 56. (New) The method of claim 55, wherein each prefix naming context is  
2 stored immediately subordinate to the repository naming context.

1 57. (New) The method of claim 55 further comprising the steps of:  
2 specifying an interface definition language file containing at least one  
3 interface definition language declaration;  
4 specifying a prefix naming context; and

5 storing each interface definition language declaration in the specified  
6 interface definition language file into the specified prefix naming  
7 context.

1 58. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein the step of storing each  
2 interface definition language declaration further comprises the steps of:  
3 creating an interface definition object for the interface definition language  
4 declaration;  
5 storing the interface definition object in the specified prefix naming  
6 context; and  
7 providing the interface definition object with a fully scoped object name  
8 including a prefix name from the prefix naming context in which  
9 the interface definition object is stored.

1 59. (New) A method of resolving name collisions by providing type  
2 support for multiple type definitions, comprising the steps of:  
3 defining in an interface repository a prefix naming context, the prefix  
4 naming context being adapted to resolve names subordinate to a  
5 repository naming context;  
6 storing the prefix naming context subordinate to the repository naming  
7 context in the interface repository, the prefix naming context  
8 forming an interface definition language root context for interface  
9 definition objects subordinate to the prefix naming context;  
10 specifying an interface definition language file containing at least one  
11 interface definition language declaration;  
12 specifying a prefix naming context;

13 storing each interface definition language declaration in the specified  
14 interface definition language file into the specified prefix naming  
15 context; and  
16 creating a data file identified as related to the specified interface definition  
17 language file, and containing an identification of the specified  
18 prefix naming context.

1 60. (New) A method of resolving name collisions by providing type  
2 support for multiple type definitions, comprising the step of:  
3 providing an interface repository including:  
4 a repository naming context; and  
5 a prefix naming context subordinate to the repository naming  
6 context, the prefix naming context serving as a root naming  
7 context for at least one interface definition language  
8 declaration, the prefix naming context being adapted to re-  
9 solve names subordinate to the repository naming context.